

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action of May 29, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-19 remain in this application, where claim 2 had been canceled and claim 9 has been canceled by this amendment without prejudice and claims 10-19 have been added. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1 and 3-8 have been amended for better clarity and conformance to U.S. practice, such as beginning the dependent claims with 'The' instead of 'A'. Claims 1 and 3-8 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 and

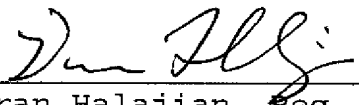
3-8 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 1 and 3-8 are allowed.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that new independent claim 10 should also be allowable, since it includes certain features of allowable claim 1, without including features that are believed to be not necessary for patentability. In addition, as claims 11-19 depend from independent claim 10, Applicants respectfully request that claims 11-19 also be allowed.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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